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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Before taking up the above-identified U.S. national phase patent application for examination, please enter the amended sheets for pages 1, 3-9, 9a, 11, and 13-16 (amended description) and the amended sheets for pages 36-39 (amended claims 1 through 18) that are attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report dated June 24, 1997.

Please further amend the claims as follows:

In claim 5, line 1, please delete "any one of claims 2 to 4" and insert therefor  
--claim 2--.

In claim 6, line 1, please delete "any one of claims 2 to 5" and insert therefor  
--claim 2--.

In claim 7, line 2, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 6" and insert therefor  
--claim 2--.

In claim 9, line 1, please delete "or 8".

In claim 10, line 2, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 6" and insert therefor  
--claims 1 or 2--.

In claim 11, lines 1-2, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 6" and insert therefor  
--claims 1 or 2--.

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